

CHAPTER 121**METHANE GAS CONVERSION PROPERTY – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION***H.F. 656*

AN ACT relating to exempting methane gas conversion property from taxation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 427.1, Code 1993, is amended by adding the following new subsection:
NEW SUBSECTION. 43. METHANE GAS CONVERSION. Methane gas conversion property shall be exempt from taxation.

For purposes of this subsection, "methane gas conversion property" means personal property, real property, and improvements to real property, and machinery, equipment, and computers assessed as real property pursuant to section 427A.1, subsection 1, paragraphs "e" and "j", used in an operation connected with a publicly owned sanitary landfill to collect methane gas or other gases produced as a byproduct of waste decomposition and to convert the gas to energy.

If the property used to convert the gas to energy also burns another fuel, the exemption shall apply to that portion of the value of such property which equals the ratio that its use of methane gas bears to total fuel consumed.

Application for this exemption shall be filed with the assessing authority not later than February 1 of each year for which the exemption is requested on forms provided by the department of revenue and finance. The application shall describe and locate the specific methane gas conversion property to be exempted. If the property consuming methane gas also consumes another fuel, the first year application shall contain a statement to that effect and shall identify the other fuel and estimate the ratio that the methane gas consumed bears to the total fuel consumed. Subsequent year applications shall identify the actual ratio for the previous year which ratio shall be used to calculate the exemption for that assessment year.

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CHAPTER 122**SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES***H.F. 661*

AN ACT relating to the exemption from the state sales tax for certain prescription drugs and medical devices and providing for the Act's applicability.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 422.45, subsection 13, Code 1993, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13. The gross receipts from the sale or rental of prescription drugs or medical devices intended for human use or consumption.

For the purposes of this subsection:

a. "Medical device" means equipment or a supply, intended to be prescribed by a practitioner, including orthopedic or orthotic devices. However, "medical device" also includes prosthetic devices, ostomy, urological, and tracheostomy equipment and supplies, and diabetic testing materials, hypodermic syringes, and oxygen equipment, intended to be dispensed for human use with or without a prescription to an ultimate user.

b. "Practitioner" means a practitioner as defined in section 155A.3, or a person licensed to prescribe drugs.